

1 **"AUTOMATED REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR**
2 **HOTEL IN-ROOM SAFES"**

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4 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 The present invention provides a system and method for controlling hotel in-
6 room safes. The invention comprises a control computer that controls the operation
7 of each in-room safe by transmitting enable or disable commands over a wireless
8 transmission link to a receiver-controller installed in each safe. The use of the safe
9 is enabled or disabled when a guest calls a predetermined telephone number that is
10 interpreted as a command to enable or disable the in-room safe. Each receiver-
11 controller is battery-powered and a technique is employed by the system to conserve
12 battery power by transmitting commands to safes at a predetermined time. Each
13 safe turns on its wireless receiver only at the predetermined time and turns off its
14 receiver after receiving the command thereby conserving the life of the battery.